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- 1. ACCORDING TO ETHIOPIAN HERALD 16 SEP. THE PATRIARCH OF THE EOC ABUNA THEOPHILOS SENT A MESSAGE EXPRESSING HIS SUPPORT FOR THE EPMG ON BEHALF OF HIMSELF AND THE HOLY SYNOD. EMBOFF CALLED ON ABUNA'S PRIVATE SECRETARY TO REQUEST COPY OF HOLY SYNOD'S MESSAGE OF SUPPORT AND WAS TOLD COPY OF MESSAGE UNAVAILABLE.
- 2. ACCORDING TO ETHIOPIAN HERALD 18 SEPT LT. GEN AMAN RECEIVED A DELEGATION OF FOUR ETHIOPIAN MOSLEMS HEADED BY HAJI MOHAMED SANI , THE IMAM OF THE GRAND MOSQUE, WHO REPORTEDLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXPRESSED MOSLEM SUPPORT. HAJI MOHAMED SANI'S NAME

FREQENTLY MENTIONED AS LIKELY FIRST GRAND MUFTI OF ETHIOPIAN MOSLEMS TO BE ELECTED "SOON."

COMMENT: WE TEND TO VIEW EOC'S EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT AS UNAVOIDABLE LIP SERVICE GESTURE REQUIRED AT PRESENT JUNCTURE RATHER THAN INCLINATION OF EOC COMMITMENT TO EPMG POSITION AND ATTITUDES.

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